



CLOVELLY COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEN'S GOLF SECTION HELD AT CLOVELLY ON SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2020 AT 18h30

PRESENT: R. Ackerman – President, S. Thomas - Chairman, J. Ackerman - Vice Chairman, W. Good – Treasurer, R. Goveia – Governing Body Member, C. Goldsbury – Trustee, D. van Eyk – Alternative Trustee, V. Christian, B. Michell and T. Rogerson – Vice-Presidents, I. McPherson – Captain, G. Daly – Vice-Captain, D. Thompson – Committee Member, Rob Pilkington – Committee Member, P. Stoner – General Manager, J Spyker – Clubhouse Manager, H. Bothma – Golf Manager, S. Webber – Course Manager together with 16 members.

1. **Notice convening the meeting:**

The Golf Manager, Hanco Bothma, welcomed the Members and a quorum being present, he read the notice convening the meeting.

2. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from 15 members.

3. **Confirmation of minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd February 2019 were taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by: Mr. D. Eisentstein Seconded by: Mr. S. Thomas

Matters arising:- Nil

4. **To consider proposals and resolutions:**

Nil:

5. **Captains' Report:**

To our President Raymond Ackerman, our Chairman Steve Thomas, the President of RAGA Jonathan Ackerman, Ladies Captain Jacky White, Governing Body Members, the Golf Committee, Members of Clovelly, Ladies and Gentlemen thank you all for attending this evening's AGM.

Golf Course

I can only reiterate that we are truly privileged to play this wonderful golf course. I have been privileged to have numerous foreign and local tourists compliment me not only on the condition of the course but also the friendliness of the staff and the general atmosphere at the club. They leave here with lasting memories and go on to tell their stories back home. They spread the word about what a wonderful course and place Clovelly is.

However, this would not be possible without all the hard work and careful planning of all our resources. To this effect we really need to thank our Course Manager, Steven Webber, and all his team of staff for presenting us with a fantastic course week in and week out. They should be proud of their achievements because I know I am.

As you are aware, there were no major projects on the course this year. A bunker rehabilitation program was initiated during the past winter season and we are already seeing the benefits of this. This is the start of an ongoing maintenance regime (an example of this being the new Stone markers) and we will keep you up to date on quick win initiatives.

I would like to thank the Clovelly Management Team and Committee Members who attend the weekly greens meeting to set the standards for the course (chaired by Stephen Webber and assisted by Steve Thomas, Greg

Daly, Wizz Good, Richard Goveia, Paul Stoner and Hanko Bothma). They meet every Tuesday to discuss current course issues and make decisions that ensure the course's sustainability for years to come and is to the benefit of all of the members.

Handicaps and Club Competitions

Transition to universal stroke rating system as per USGA/R&A guidelines commenced this year. This resulted in changes to stroke ratings of holes.

The New World Handicap System was implemented as of 1 January 2020. With this, we saw the implementation of the Playing Conditions Calculation. When abnormal course or weather conditions cause scores to be unusually high or low on a given day, a Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) will adjust Score Differentials to better reflect the player's actual performance. This mechanism works by a statistical procedure which evaluates acceptable scores submitted each day and compares them to the expected scores of those players.

The WHS now also require golfers to record their scores for Match play / League games and should for any reason a game not be completed a most likely score (NETT PAR for each hole thereafter) must be entered if a golfer has completed at least 14 holes for an 18 hole round of golf.

All competition cards continue to be checked on a monthly basis by the Handicap Committee (my thanks go to Greg Daly for giving up his time in order to do this) and any anomalies or necessary adjustments are reported back to the Committee.

Club Championships

Last year, the Committee decided upon a 72 hole format for A and B division with C division remaining 36 holes.

The Men's Club Championships were well supported with over 125 eager golfers. The respective winners in each divisions were:

- C Division: Richard Hodge
- B Division: Cameron Mackintosh
- A Division: Matthew Cooper

Well done to each one of these winners as well as all the members who showed their support for this premier & prestigious Club event. We all know the tension that comes with playing a Medal event. But to be crowned Club Champion is truly an honour and one we all strive for.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Ladies section on a well-run Club Championships and to their Champions, Isabella van Rooyen, Karen Denman and Sharon van Schalkwyk. Well done to all of you!

This year we will see the dates of our Club Championships shift to November. This decision was carefully considered by Management and members of the Men's and Ladies Committee. The factors which were considered in making this decision were:

- Better Course Conditioning at that time of year
- Ability to integrate Men's and Ladies Championships
- Increased chance for our "Swallow" members to participate
- Less impact from School Holidays/Easter Weekend
- Less impact on WP League participation

Club Matchplay

This initiative was continued last year and was extended to include the B-Division. The top 16 players from the Club Championships of the A and B Division were ceded according to their final position. From there knockout matches were played off scratch until a winner was decided. Gareth Wobbe won the A Division knockout, defending his title from 2018. While in the inaugural B Division match play the evergreen Nico Snyman, a stalwart of the Harry Solomon side, was crowned champion.

Chammy Cup and Individual Match play:

Both competitions were well supported with 64 Pairs in the Chammy Cup, and more than 30 participants in the Individual Matchplay.

After all the Chammy knockouts only 2 pairs remained to face off in the final. Ian Hutchison & David Van Eyk defeated Shyam Makanjee & Wizz Good to triumph and lift the trophy after 5 rounds of knockouts.

On the Singles side, Jan Badenhurst came out on top and won his final match against Willie Mentoor. Well done to all on their results.

League Golf

Clovelly competed in 5 Leagues this past year, namely:

- *1st Challenge (Open) – 1st*
- *Mid-Amateur (over 30s) – 5th*
- *Masters (over 50s) – 2nd*
- *Super Seniors (over 60s) – 4th*
- *Harry Solomon's (Handicaps 8.8 15.3) - 5th Section A*

Thank you to each and every participant for representing Clovelly with such pride and enthusiasm. A special thanks to Committee Member, Dave Thompson, and the Clovelly Management team who continue to put in time and effort arranging the sides week in and week out; and continue to work on the processes to make us more competitive over the years to come.

Club Events

A very big thanks go to Committee Member, Rob Pilkington, for his time and effort into arranging numerous functions:

- *Bingo and quiz nights many thanks to Paul Barratt and George Bowes*
- *'British Open' weekend with players choosing their pro and adding his score to their own*
- *Festive Rugby World Cup with sponsored drinks and themed food available for specific games that were shown*
- *New Year's Eve bash with McCully's Workshop playing into the wee hours. Thanks to Clovelly Management for arranging this*
- *Thanks to Phil Mason who arranged the disco evening that was very successful as well*

Also a big thanks to Fred Fautley and Jacky White and ALL their helpers for always being there to do the Friday night draw.

Golf Membership & Junior Golf

We continue to work on adapting our membership models and offerings to recognise the everchanging environment and needs of the golfing market. We have to understand and accept that the golfing model is changing and we need to be at the forefront of those changes. We continue to try and address the challenges facing those members of society who have less disposable income and who don't always have time to play. Some initiatives include:

- *Removal of entrance fees for young professional category 30 – 39*
- *Extension of age requirements for student category from 19 – 25 to 19 – 29.*

The junior golf section at Clovelly continues to grow as we recognise the importance of young golfers, and most importantly families to the long-term sustainability of the Club.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Michell Golf team, David Matthews and Jan Van Rooyen and Clovelly Management. Their efforts are truly commended. Well done.

Peter Karmis has had another stellar year. Again, it was lovely to hear Alan Michell's melodious tones in the commentary box. May they both go from strength to strength.

Also well done to Isabella and Jan Stals Van Rooyen on their various achievements on both a provincial and national golfing stage.

Thank You

Firstly, my thanks to the members of the Committee who have made my time so enjoyable – to Vice Captain, Greg Daly, Dave Thompson, Rob Pilkington, Mike Michell, Jan Van Rooyen and Clovelly Management (Paul, John, Hanko & Iglin) for giving up all their time.

My thanks go to Paul Stoner and his team (John, Sebastian, Steve, Amor, Hanko, ALL THE BAR STAFF, Carls Catering)

Paul, you took over as General Manager late last year and, boy, what a revelation. You have taken to it like a duck to water. With you at the helm leading the club forward, we are going from strength to strength. Thanks so much for all your support and help during my captaincy.

John, what can I say? As Club Manager you really have made this club rock. Thanks for all of your support.

Hanko, you have only just started but already feel part of the team. You have transitioned well into your new role. Good luck along your journey.

To our Chairman, Steve Thomas, who puts in countless hours of his time to do what is best for the club. Thank you for your guidance and leadership.

A big thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support, they are as follows:

- *Global Golf – in particular Iglin and his team who represent the face of Clovelly*
- *Barons Tokai*
- *Lyall Morgan and Associates*
- *Clear Design*
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- *Ford King of Seeff Properties*
- *Spur*
- *Atlantic Forwarding*
- *Forms Express*
- *Fine and Country*
- *Peresoft*
- *Evergreen*
- *Michell Golf*
- *Carls Catering*

Closing

Clovelly really is a special place. I have been a member at Clovelly for over 20 years and I can honestly say that some of my best memories have been created here and they will stay with me forever. That is a testimony to you the members and the Club. I look forward to continuing with you all on that journey.

I have enjoyed every moment of my Captaincy. It has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve as Captain of Clovelly. If I look at the past Captains of this great Club I feel proud to have my name alongside yours on the Board outside.

I am leaving you in the very capable hands of Greg Daly. Under his stewardship Clovelly will go from strength to strength. Finally, this great club would not be where we are without all of you. You are what make Clovelly ROCK. Long may it continue.

5.1 There were no questions

6. To Elect and Introduce new Office Bearers.

The incoming office bearers were announced:

Greg Daly – Captain
Dave Thompson – Vice-Captain
Rob Pilkington – Committee Member
Allan Johns – Committee Member
Jan van Rooyen – Committee Member

There were no questions

7. To transact any other business.

There were no questions.

Mr. Bothma thanked the Members for attending the meeting and it was closed at 18:53.